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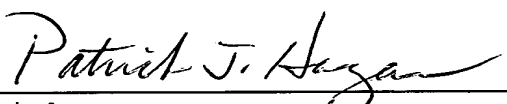
Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of 3 months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. A check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the April 9, 2003 Official Action,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: